Safeguarding Updates

- All safeguarding procedures remain in place and are up to date.
- All safeguarding training is up to date. All ‘Prevent’ (anti-radicalisation) training is up to date. Staff who joined in January 2021 completed this training before they arrived. We ‘top up’ this training throughout the year.
- Staff have received clear instructions on school policy and procedures with regards to peer on peer abuse.
- All staff receive regular training on:
    - Relevant legislation
    - Signs of abuse
    - Reporting procedures including reporting to LADO
    - Personal involved in safeguarding protocol
    - Children most at risk and how to support them
- Staff have received clear guidance on how to remain objective when noting down safeguarding issues.
- We have made an increased number of safeguarding referrals, due to the current Covid-19 situation.
- Staff have received advice regarding FGM: this is a mandatory reporting issue. All staff should go immediately to the police with this issue rather than the DSL (OD).
- We work closely with external agencies to ensure knowledge of cases is shared and acted on appropriately.
- 1 pupil is subject to a Child Protection (CP) plan. 2 pupils are subject to a Child In Need (CIN) plans. 2 pupils are being assessed by Children’s Services and are likely to be placed on CIN plans. 3 pupils are being supported by the Family Solutions service. 9 further pupils are subject to internal monitoring.
- Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, 5 pupils have been advised to shield due to serious health concerns. These pupil are being regularly contacted by staff who understand their situation and any concerns are reported to the DSL immediately.
- We have made 3 referrals to the Education Welfare Service (EWS) due to attendance concerns. We attempt to contact the families of these pupils on a daily basis and will continue to work closely with the EWS to address these attendance concerns.

Looked After Children

- We currently have 1 looked after child (LAC) on roll. This child is monitored closely by the school and local authority using a model known as an ‘EPEP’. This involves frequent meetings with the virtual school and carer and thorough record checks.
- We are expected another LAC to join in September 2021 as a year 7 pupil.